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SUBJ: DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

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1. SPECIAL AD HOC WORKING GROUP (UNDER AEGIS OF AD-70 EWG) ON DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ON AUGUST 20 CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF CONCEPTUAL PROBLEM OF HOW TO PRESENT MORE MEANINGFULLY THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF DEFENSE PLANNING IN THE SPRING EWG AD-70 REPORT. IN IS VIEW, GOAL IS TO OBTAIN FUNCTIONAL BREAKOUT OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES IN ORDER TO SEE IF DEFENSE RESOURCES ARE BEING APPLIED IN A PROPER BALANCE.

2. MOST DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE U.S., WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. NORWAY INDICATED THEY WERE WILLING AND ABLE TO FILL INTHE SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE IN AC/281-N(73)9. CANADIAN REP SAID THAT BECAUSE OF HAVING AN INTEGRATED FORCE, HIS COUNTRY CANNOT BREAKOUT DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ON A FUNCTIONAL BASIS. SEVERAL COUNTRIES (CANADA, NETHERLANDS, AND UK) CONTINUE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO HAVE RESERVATIONS ON THE PURPOSE OF A FUNCTIONAL/REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. IN THIS CONNECTION, INTERNATIONAL STAFF AGREED TO ATTACH A LETTER TO DECISION SHEET FROM THIS MEETING, OUTLINING WHY DATA WAS

NEEDED AND AGAIN SOLICITING NATIONAL VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO APPROACH PROBLEM OF FUNCTIONAL BREAKOUT OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR OTHER WAYS OF APPROACHING FUNCTIONAL BREAKOUT QUESTION.

3. NEXT MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE INABOUT THREE WEEKS TIME.

4. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE REQUESTED. SAME AS IN USNATO 3698 I.E., REACTION TO SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE IN AC/281-N(73)9 AS A POSSIBLE MEANS OF COLLECTING DATA FOR LINKING DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND FORCE CAPABILITIES AND IDEAS ON HOW BEST TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF FUNCTIONAL BREAKDOWN OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ON A NATO-WIDE BASIS. RUMSFELD

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